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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of: Steve A. Herweck, et al.

Application number: 09/903,374

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PROSTHESIS HAVING AN EXTERNAL

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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 28, 2003, Applicants submit the following remarks. Reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims is hereby requested.

A request for a one-month extension to extend the period of reply to June 28, 2003 is included.